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ELECTION/REMARKS

In the Action, restriction has been required between the following inventions as provided in two (2) following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-66, drawn to a trocar, classified in class 606, subclass 185.
- II. Claim 67, drawn to a method of sealing a surgical access device, classified in class 128, subclass 898.

In response to the election/restriction requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group I, namely Claims 1-66.

This election is without traverse.

In the outstanding Office action, an election has also been required between the following sixteen (16) species:

- I. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 3.
- II. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 10.
- III. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 26.
- IV. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 28.
- V. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 30.
- VI. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 32.
- VII. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 38.
- VIII. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 39.
- IX. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 40.
- X. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 41.
- XI. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 42.
- XII. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 43.

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XIII. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 44.

XIV. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 46.

XV. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 51.

XVI. The species as best exemplified by FIG. 56.


Applicants provisionally elect for prosecution the claims of Species I, namely Claims 1-5, 7-9, 12, 15-25, 31, 37-42, 47, 48, 54, 55, and 64-66. This election is made without traverse.

The inventorship as presently specified in the Application is accurate with respect to the elected invention.

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application and allowance of the pending claims. If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference with Applicant's attorney might expedite prosecution of the application, the Examiner is invited to call at the telephone number indicated below

Sincerely,

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